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REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI TO NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (ANOP), LINKING JULY 4 IDEALS TO PORTUGUESE HUMAN RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS, WIDELY COVERED BY MEDIA. PREPARED COMMENTS PICKED UP VERBATIM BY SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS AND AIRED OFTEN BY RADIO AND TELEVISION. NATIONAL RADIO ALSO CARRIED USIS-PROVIDED FIVE MINUTE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM AS MUCH AS SEVEN TIMES IN ONE DAY. PRO-GOVERNMENT "DIARIO DE NOTI-CIAS." IN ITS PAGE-ONE PIECE, BEGAN BY QUOTING AMBASSADOR: "NO NATION IN MODERN HISTORY HAS STOOD MORE CLEARLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THAN PORTUGAL TODAY." NEWSPAPER, AS DID OTHERS, USED OTHER PORTIONS OF JULY 4 TEXT, WHICH SAID IN PART: "THIS JULY FOURTH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENTERS INTO THE SECOND YEAR OF ITS THIRD CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE. YOUR HISTORY (PORTUGAL) IS
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MUCH LONGER, OF COURSE, BUT WE SHARE THE SAME COMMITMENT TO INCIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. JUST AS WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS, YOU TOO HAVE REASON TO BE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE APRIL 1974. CENTER-LEFT "PRIMEIRO DE JANEIRO" CITED RECENT MEETINGS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND U.S. TO DISCUSS "COMMON CONCERNS" AND QUOTED AMBASSADOR: "WE HAVE TRIED

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TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS AS AN ALLY AND YOU IN TURN HAVE
GIVEN US INSPIRATION AS WE HAVE WATCHED YOUR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM
AND HUMAN RIGHTS." COVERAGE IN OTHER PAPERS IN SAME TONE.
ONLY COMMUNIST WEEKLY "EXTRA" FELT OBLIGED TO VIEW
OBSERVANCE NEGATIVELY: "UNITED STATES
COMMEMORATION OF 201 YEARS IN NAME OF LIBERTY". UNDERNEATH
STORY READ: "...THE CARTER POLICY DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE
ANY DIFFERENT THAN THAT ADOPTED BY OTHER OCCUPANTS OF THE
WHITE HOUSE. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO PLAY
THE ROLE OF WORLD POLICEMAN." ITEM THEN POINTED TO
POOR INDIANS, PUERTO RICANS AND BLACKS IN AMERICA,
CHARGING THAT U.S. IGNORES PLEAS TO IMPROVE SITUATION
OF THESE "HUMANS WITHOUT RIGHTS." MOST SARCASTICALLY,
NEWSPAPER CONCLUDED: "IN PORTUGAL, THE (JULY 4) OBSERVANCE
MARKED THE INTRODUCTION OF COCA-COLA ON THE WORLD
MARKET" -- A REFERENCE TO THE START OF THE BEVERAGE'S
SALE IN THIS COUNTRY.
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